UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

Civ. No. 19-1172 JB/GJF

FLOYD GUTIERREZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

CURRY COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER,

Defendant.

ORDER REGARDING FILING FEE

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's "Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs" [ECF 5] ("Motion"). The filing fee for Plaintiff's civil rights complaint [ECF 6] is \$350—which Plaintiff is required to pay notwithstanding his status as a prisoner. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) (stating that "if a prisoner brings a civil action or files an appeal in forma pauperis, the prisoner *shall* be required to pay the *full amount* of a filing fee" (emphasis added)). Based on an analysis of Plaintiff's financial status under § 1915(b)(1), however, the Court will excuse Plaintiff from *prepaying* the full filing fee and from making the initial partial payment. *See* ECF 5; § 1915(a)-(b).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion is **GRANTED** and the initial payment is **WAIVED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff either (1) file monthly financial certificates and "make monthly payments of 20 percent of the preceding month's income credited to [his] account," § 1915(b)(2), until the entire \$350 fee is paid or (2) show cause as to why such payments should be excused. Plaintiff's failure to comply with these orders may result in the **DISMISSAL** of the complaint *without further notice*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk is directed to provide Plaintiff with two copies of the post-filing financial certificate.

SO ORDERED.

THE HONORABLE GREGORY J. FOURATT

UNITED/STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE